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To All Pharmaceutical Suppliers, Medical Groups and Interested Parties

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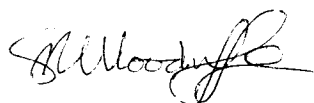
CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL FOR LISTING OF MULTICHEM ASPIRIN 100 MG

PHARMAC has entered into a provisional agreement with Multichem NZ Limited for the listing of 100 mg aspirin in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule. Details of the agreement are as follows:

- Multichem aspirin 100 mg, enteric coated, would be listed in Section B of the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 1 March 2006 at a price and subsidy of \$1.20 per 30 tablets.
- Multichem aspirin 100 mg would be listed in Part I of Section F of the Pharmaceutical Schedule (medicines dispensed all-at-once).
- Multichem aspirin 100 mg would be protected from reference pricing until 1 September 2006.

It is anticipated that the proposed listing, if accepted by PHARMAC's Board, would take effect from 1 March 2006. If you wish to make comments for the PHARMAC Board to consider when making its decision on whether to accept this proposal, please forward them to PHARMAC by **5:00 pm, 14 October 2005**.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Woodruffe
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